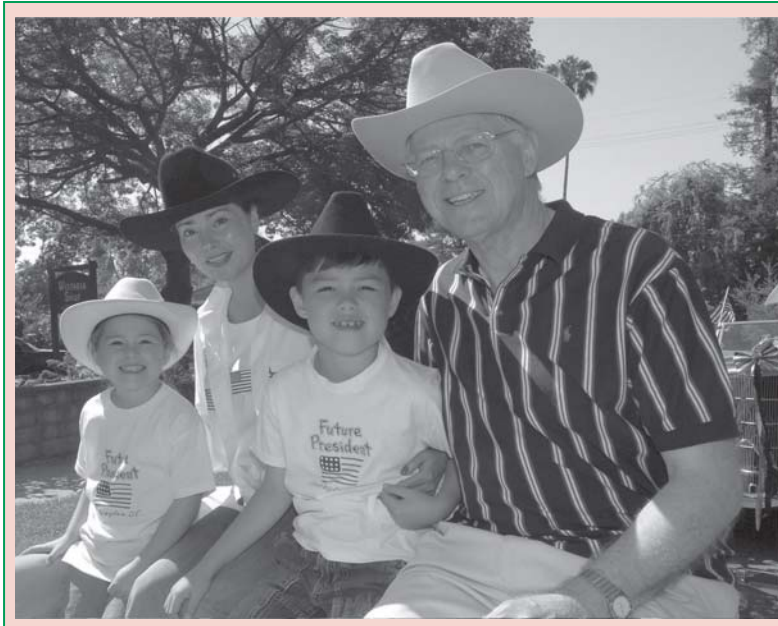


Supervisor Antonovich Outlines Accomplishments as County Mayor Over the Last Year



2006 has been a productive year.

With the passage of Proposition 1A, we have placed a greater emphasis on public safety. We:

- Expanded academy classes to the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley for a total of five concurrent academies including the ones at Whittier.
- Approved 1,000 new deputies and added 58 law enforcement technicians to enhance patrols in unincorporated communities.
- Increased jail capacity by over 3,300 beds and relocated female inmates from Twin Towers to the newly reopened Century Regional Detention Center.
- Hired 50 additional Deputy District Attorneys to prosecute crime.
- Completed a successful pilot program with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to identify and remove illegal criminal aliens in our jail.
- Approved nearly \$30 million to restructure and improve the safety and security of our Probation camps and halls.

Lawsuit settlement with the City of Los Angeles:

- Successfully settled a lawsuit with the City of Los Angeles that limited the growth of LAX and allocated funds to expand regional airport services to Palmdale and Ontario.

Finalized nearly 2,000 adoptions and expanded services to foster youth by:

- Welcoming Patricia S. Ploehn as the new Director of the Department of Children and Family Services who replaced the superb leadership of Dr. David Sanders.
- Receiving approval from the Bush Administration for the Title 4-E Waiver to allow us to spend \$360 million on expanding the Permanency Partners Program Countywide, ensuring permanency through adoptions, legal guardianship or mentorship for 380 older foster youth and on other services for foster youth.
- Hiring new social workers to visit and inspect nearly 900 State-licensed foster homes to ensure that children are living in safe and healthy environments.
- Securing \$1.5 million for homeless transitional age youth housing.

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Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden **301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007**

For a list of seminars, workshops and classes, please visit www.arboretum.org or call (626) 821-4623.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art **5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036**

For a list of exhibitions, please visit www.lacma.org or call (323) 857-6000.

Music Center **135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012** **(213) 972-7211** **www.musiccenter.org**

Ahmanson Theatre Through Dec 31 - Edward Scissorhands

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Jan 14 - Deborah Voight in Recital

Mark Taper Forum Through Feb 18 - 13, a new musical

Kirk Douglas Theatre Jan 14 - Feb 11 - Dogeaters

Walt Disney Concert Hall **135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012** **(323) 850-2000** **wdch.laphil.com**

December **23 - Holiday Sing-Along** **23 - *Go Tell It on the Mountain*: The Blind Boys of Alabama Christmas Show** **31 - New Year's Eve: Lyle Lovett in Concert**

January **3 - Bronfman plays Chamber Music** **4-6 - Bronfman plays Rachmaninoff** **9 - Green Umbrella with Dawn Upshaw** **10 - Hélène Grimaud in Recital** **12-14 - Salonen Conducts Mahler 7th** **16 - Debussy & Messiaen** **17 - Horace Silver Tribute**

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County **900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles** For a list of events, please visit www.nhm.org or call (213) 763-3466.

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Energy efficiency and conservation: Over the years, we have explored many opportunities to make our County facilities and operations more 'green' through:

- Exploring the usage of solar energy.
- Funding natural gas energy retrofit projects.
- Establishing Hybrid vehicles as the standard, non-emergency car.
- Developing a policy to build energy efficient buildings with a focus on energy conservation and environmental efficiency.

Programs for the homeless and mentally ill: While we were disappointed that the State legislature failed to resolve the problems of homeless mentally ill through changes in State laws to require mental health treatment and drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation, we financed a pilot program to:

- Increase transitional treatment services for the homeless mentally ill released from hospitals, jails or courts.
- Provide new mental health care beds for the homeless mentally ill.

Ensured that our emergency preparedness staff is trained and focused to respond to terror or natural disaster:

- Conducted 12 preparedness "workshops" for emergency responders within the County's 88 cities, 134 unincorporated communities and with other public and private agencies that deal with biochemical terrorism, earthquake preparedness, fire disasters and riots.

Increased effectiveness of animal care and control:

- Enacted a mandatory spay/neuter micro-chipping program for dogs to reduce pet overpopulation.
- Hired 20 new Animal Care and Control Officers.

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Supervisor Knabe Sponsors All-Girls High School Golf Tournament

Female high school golfers from across Los Angeles County's Fourth District gathered recently at the Lakewood Country Club Golf Course to compete in Supervisor Don Knabe's Fourth Annual Girl's Knabe Cup golf tournament.

More than two dozen high school teams, comprised of four players per team, competed in an individual and team tournament and for a chance to be the Girl's Knabe Cup Champions. This year's tournament again hosted several of the region's top female golfers.

The Torrance High School team, for the third year in a row, took 1st place with a team score of 293. This year's individual champion was Lee Lopez of La Serna High School who shot a 68.

The tournament, sponsored each year by Supervisor Knabe, allows student-athletes to engage in friendly competition, regardless of their high school's respective league affiliation. Each player received a free lunch, range balls, as well as great tee prizes. Additionally, first, second and third place finishers received trophies and windbreakers. Supervisor Knabe spoke with the players at noon, followed by the start of the tournament.



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RETIREES

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES:

Andrea F. Kelly

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Margaret S. Tadros

FIRE: Charles L. Adams, William J. Borgio, William G. Borthwick, Donn Paben, Donald Smith

HEALTH SERVICES: Sharrel K. Agosta, Margaret M. Barnes, H.B. Bills, Alcira P. Carrasco, Hernan Cortez, Bobbie J. Hines, Linda K. Hodges, Sallie A. Maag, Maria D. Tirador

INTERNAL SERVICES: Kathleen L. Hill, Fay A. Wong, Kathleen M. Zuniga

LACERA: Jonathan C. Murdock

MENTAL HEALTH: Anthony Avila, Alice F. Davis, Christell Hicks

PROBATION: Johnny L. Green, Samuel Mendoza, Frank Parenicka, Oneitha A. Wilson

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM: Armando Garcia

PUBLIC SAFETY: Joseph Moreno

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Shirley R. Jackson, Jeanette Kirksey, Renato G. Santillan, Arcelia Lobato, Alene Walker

SHERIFF: Charles R. Beals, Timothy E. Beard, Frank Matillo Jr., John R. Mayfield, Michael W. Monteverde, Bruce J. Pollack, Kenneth Rehbein Jr, Thomas M. Thompson

SUPERIOR COURT OFFICERS: Jerrilyn Hebert

TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR:

Karen Y. Scott

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

ASSESSOR: Anita E. Tannehill

HEALTH SERVICES: Elma M. Aguila, Henry U. Gonzales, Helen T. Higginson, Vichitra Kanchanatupp, Peggy A. Peters, Helen A. Riley, Marvelito M. Unite, Lenville H. Tucker

INTERNAL SERVICES: Rex L. Maricle, Paul Martinez

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Gloria J. Brown, Georgiana F. Cadenhead, Carlos S. Cao, Juanita Moss, Zao N. Tran

SHERIFF: Lowell E. Burris, Denise R. Jezak, Deana D. Mayfield, Shawna R. Nelson

TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR:

Jon A. Sharp

Employee of the Month: Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Carol Williams

Carol Williams has been a dedicated employee of the County of Los Angeles for over 25 years. She was nominated by her division manager, Lorraine Patterson, for her dedication and leadership qualities. As a section head of the Voter Records Research and Integrity Section, Ms. Williams provides management oversight for a wide array of election procedures and operation.

Ms. Williams plays a key role in managing the voter files of over 3.8 million active voters in Los Angeles. She ensures successful operation of various units: Telephone Unit, which responds to hundreds of thousands of phone calls relating to voter registration records, absentee ballots, election inquiries and related correspondence; Confidential Permanent Absentee Voter Unit which provides service to high profile voters/officials and the security of their personal information; and the Fraud Unit, which researches potential election fraud cases, reported voter registration irregularities, and voter fraud allegations.

"One of the most fulfilling parts of my job is meeting new challenges and sharing that knowledge with others to expand the growth of the department," Williams says. "I enjoy the overwhelming response of satisfaction from the voting community because of the excellent service we provide through phone conversations, correspondence, and personal contacts. I have always believed that customer service is the most important aspect in any industry." Her dedication to customer service is evident in one past election, when she heard of a bedridden voter having a problem with his absentee ballot, she assigned a field representative to deliver a second ballot so he could vote.

One of her major accomplishments is her contribution to the implementation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Law for voter registration and identification procedures, in compliance with Federal and State requirements, which involves researching unconfirmed ID registration records. She worked with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Elections Preparation Bureau Management Team and Secretary of State representatives in the development of these procedures, which has contributed to the tremendous success of the overall election process by ensuring that registrants are validated through the Statewide voter registration database, called CALVALIDATOR and the Voter Information Management Systems (VIMS).



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Supervisor Molina Celebrates 1,000th Sheriff's Deputy Recruit Hiring

On December 6, 2006, Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina joined scores of Sheriff's Department personnel to announce that the county had hired its 1,000th new Sheriff's Deputy trainee – a major recruitment milestone. Also present were Third District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and Pete Carroll, the legendary football coach from the University of Southern California. He attended to express his pride in our 1,000th recruit, Jason Leach, who is a former member of Carroll's USC football team.

"Sheriff Lee Baca has worked doggedly this year to increase the size of our Sheriff's Deputy force," Molina said, "and the Board of Supervisors have partnered with him by, among other things, allocating \$5.57 million specifically for recruitment efforts in addition to the Sheriff's Department's \$2 billion annual budget."

Deputy vacancies can be tough to fill. Recruits must be tested and must pass a background check before entering the Sheriff's Deputy academy, a training process that not everyone can endure. But recruiting more deputies is key to increasing patrol – especially in unincorporated areas – and improving jail safety by reducing the ratio of inmates to Sheriff's Deputies.

"We could not be prouder of the brave men and women who have answered our call," Molina said. "Los Angeles County residents rely on Sheriff's Deputies to enforce the law and ensure public safety every single day."



If you are interested in becoming a deputy with our Sheriff's Department, call (800) 233-7889.

Supervisor Gloria Molina joins Sheriff's Department personnel, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, and University of Southern California football coach Pete Carroll to announce the hiring of the 1,000th Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy – a recruitment milestone.

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Ms. Williams is also active with various community and non-profit organizations, such as the National Association of Jamaicans and Supportive Organizations (NAJASO), AIDS Project Los Angeles, American Cancer Society, and the March of Dimes. As a representative and team captain for the Department of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, she has been recognized as Los Angeles County's Top Achiever for the March of Dimes annually, since 1990. In fact, only one week after being awarded Employee of the Month by the Board of Supervisors, she was again recognized by the Board of Supervisors for her contribution to the March of Dimes Walk America as a Team Captain and as a Superstar Walker.

Thank you, Ms. Williams, for all you have done for the County, and congratulations!

Countywide Clerical Certification Training Program “Here’s Looking at You”

On November 1, 2006, the Clerical Certification Training Program (CCTP) held its annual Graduation Ceremony at Almansor Court in Alhambra, California.

Each year it has become a custom for the Department of Human Resources and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to recognize deserving individuals who have participated in this program. Department heads, managers, coordinators, instructors, administrators, and other supporters are also recognized for their contributions to the program. But undoubtedly, the day belonged to the graduates – all 137 of them. As such, this year’s speaker, Dr. Marissa Pei (business consultant, author, columnist and television commentator) inspired the honorees and special guests with her themed speech titled, “Here’s Looking at You” that focused on how to balance one’s life by taking responsibility, taking a reality check, and taking up purposeful living.



Intermediate Typist Clerk Proficiency Class (Top row from left and right): Christina Kirkland, Sophia Hee Suh, Francisco Garibay, Ida Lozano, Hellen Tanudjaja, Lois Harris, Dr. Dominick Cistone (Programs Administrator, LAUSD), Sylvia Gomez, Raynita Ervin, Lu Takeuchi (Senior Human Resources Manager, Department of Human Resources); (Second Row from left to right) Susan Toy Stern (Chief Deputy, Department of Human Resources), Armenui Arzumanyan, Inger Stokes, Maria Jones, John Castillo, Princess Isreal, Kari Esperanza, Beverly King, Sheila Brazley, Maria Madrigal

Since its initiation in 1998 by First District Supervisor Gloria Molina, the CCTP has become one of the most robust programs offered under the Los Angeles County Learning Academy. It is a comprehensive program designed to upgrade the job skills, increase the chances of promotion, and/or change the career paths of County employees. Employees who are performing competently or better at levels up through Intermediate Typist-Clerk are invited to apply. It is not necessary to be on a clerical classification to participate in this program.

The program began at one site only and is now offered at five different sites throughout L.A. County: Metropolitan Skills Center in Los Angeles, Harbor Occupational Skills Center in San Pedro, East Los Angeles Skills Center, Human Resources Learning Academy on Wilshire, and Abram Friedman Occupational Skills Center.

On any given class day, credentialed instructors from LAUSD train approximately 250 students. Since the program’s inception, a total of 361 classes have been taught:

- 82 Record Keeping classes with 1,714 graduates
- 74 Business Calculating classes with 1,517 graduates
- 57 Interpersonal Effectiveness classes with 1,397 graduates
- 50 Oral Communications/Written Expression classes with 907 graduates
- 98 Keyboarding classes with 486 graduates

As part of the County’s ongoing mission “To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service,” each honoree represents the many employees across the County who are dedicated to constant self-improvement in providing public protection, human services, central support, recreation,

Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke and the Department of Health Services Celebrate the Spirit of Diversity

An innovative arts education pilot for youth with spinal cord and brain damage, and a culturally responsive prevention campaign for hard to reach women received the 2006 Spirit of Diversity award at the 6th Annual Department of Health Services Rewards and Recognition Program. The celebration was held on October 12, 2006 at the Center for Healthy Communities of The California Endowment. Supervisor Burke presented the two Spirit of Diversity awards, as she has at every Rewards and Recognition event since its inception in the year 2000. Congresswoman Hilda Solis, a champion for addressing racial/ethnic health disparities, was the featured speaker.



*Supervisor Burke with the 2006 Spirit of Diversity awardee
“Pediatric Arts Program” artists from Rancho Los Amigos*

The Rewards and Recognition Program was developed by the Office of Diversity Programs (ODP) as part of the DHS *Diversity Strategic Plan* to recognize homegrown DHS programs and initiatives which promote the spirit of diversity. One outstanding program, from those nominated, receives the *Spirit of Diversity* award in recognition of its accomplishments in the area of diversity and its contribution to the *DHS Diversity Mission and Vision*. “I know that most of you are doing this work with few resources. It is important to have programs such as Rewards and Recognition to celebrate such wonderful examples of cultural and linguistic diversity in action at DHS,” said Supervisor Burke.

The “Pediatric Arts Program” of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center received the 2006 *Spirit of Diversity* award for DHS. A joint sponsorship by Supervisor Don Knabe and the Amigos Foundation enabled this pilot Arts Program to creatively address the clinical to community transitional care needs of youth ages 14 - 21 with spinal cord and brain injury. Seven of the eight instructors are previous patients who are now mentors, as well as art instructors. The program embraces cultural diversity of all ability levels, and intergenerational mentor-student relationships motivate and build self-esteem in the novice artists.

“Prevention Matters! Campaign” of the Office of Women’s Health received the 2006 *Spirit of Diversity* award for the Public Health Department. This program has provided over 5,100 free screenings in a multi-lingual, multicultural campaign to promote prevention of health disease, the number one killer of women. The campaign features a mobile clinic for hard to reach women, and a hotline in English, Spanish, Armenian, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese. A community partner network of 188 culturally diverse organizations reviews material and helps develop community dialogues that target specific cultures.

“I value the Rewards and Recognition Program as a “morale booster” for staff who have worked very hard, and with few resources, to enhance our efforts in diversity and help us provide culturally responsive health care,” said Miya Iwataki, ODP Director who raises outside funds for the event. “This program and the crystal awards are provided at no cost to the department.”

ENRICHING LIVES...

Child Support Services Brightens Up the Holidays Each Year for 45 Families



CSSD Director Philip Browning always stops by to support the holiday giveaway.



CSSD employee Sherrie Barmore (right) and other employees get toys ready.



The giveaway committee.



Mother Marie Carmona selects a toy for her baby son Jacob with help from CSSD employee Amanda Lewis



During the holiday season, the Child Support Services Department holds its Annual Holiday Party and Giveaway for families in Los Angeles County that are financially unable to provide for their loved-ones.

The department helped 45 families during the '06 holiday season.

Employees of the Child Support Services Department staged this event at CSSD offices in Commerce to show gratitude for having jobs where they can make a difference in the lives of children and families in the County of Los Angeles.

Led by a departmental coordinator, employees held various fundraisers throughout the year to purchase turkeys, hams, gift certificates and toys. They also partnered with the business community for donations of gift cards, food, toys, and clothing. Employees donated countless hours of personal time in organizing this special event.

The Department's employees nominated needy families and a committee reviews the nomination forms. The families were contacted and invited to the Annual Holiday Party attended by the Department's Director, Philip Browning on Wednesday, December 13 starting at 11:00 a.m. If a selected family was unable to attend the event, the employee who nominated the family delivered the contributions.

Child Support Services is one of the first child support agencies in California to transition from the District Attorney's Office to a separate operational department in July 2001. The department is dedicated to providing high-quality child support services and customer service to families and children in L.A. County.

County of Los Angeles

Strategic Plan



County Vision

"Enriching Lives"

Our **purpose** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our **philosophy** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our **shared values**:

- **A can-do attitude** - we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** - we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** - we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** - we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** - we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** - we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** - we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** - we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our **position** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- a capability to undertake programs that have public value;
- an aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation; and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

County Mission

To enrich lives through effective and caring service

Strategic Plan Goals

1. Service Excellence
2. Workforce Excellence
3. Organizational Effectiveness
4. Fiscal Responsibility
5. Children and Families' Well-Being
6. Community Services
7. Health and Mental Health
8. Public Safety

Gloria Molina
Supervisor
First District

Yvonne B. Burke
Supervisor
Second District

Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor
Third District

Don Knabe
Supervisor
Fourth District

Michael D. Antonovich
Supervisor
Fifth District



Marina del Rey Greets the New Year with Fireworks Spectacular

A brilliant display of fireworks will light up the skies over Marina del Rey on Sunday, December 31, to usher in the New Year. Beginning at the 30-second countdown to midnight, the fireworks will continue into the opening minutes of 2007.

Fireworks this year are presented by Zambelli Fireworks Internationale, which originated more than 100 years ago in Italy. The famous fireworks will be shot off the south jetty and can be viewed throughout the Marina. Best locations for viewing are Fisherman's Village at 13755 Fiji Way and Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way.

Parking on New Year's Eve is available in Los Angeles County lots throughout the Marina for \$5 for the evening.

The Zambelli Fireworks New Year's Spectacular is presented by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Fourth District, and the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors.



W.A.T.E.R. Program Offers 2006-07 Winter Camps

The Water Awareness, Training, Education and Recreation (W.A.T.E.R.) Program of the Department of Beaches and Harbors is offering its popular aquatic sports camps in a special winter program that young people can enjoy during their holiday school break.

Three camps are available for the winter program: Surf Camp, Ocean-Sports Camp and Beginning Sailing. Boys and girls ages 11 to 17 are eligible to join the Surf Camp, held at Dockweiler Bluffs - El Segundo, from December 27 - 29, and at Venice Pier from January 2 - 5. Boys and girls ages 7 to 14 will have fun with Ocean-Sports, held at the Marina del Rey Boathouse, 13650 Mindanao Way, from December 18 - 22, Dockweiler Bluffs - El Segundo from December 26 - 29, and January 2 - 5 at Venice Pier. Both camps begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Youngsters ages 11 to 17 can attend Beginning Sailing camps, held 11:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Marina del Rey Boathouse, 13640 Mindanao Way, Chace Park in Marina del Rey. Dates are December 18-21, 26-29, and January 2-5.

The program, designed to raise awareness of ocean and beach safety through aquatic-related sports activities, is conducted by County Ocean Lifeguards who have received special training in working with young people.

Youngsters must pass a swim test in order to qualify for the camps. All equipment is provided and fees range from \$80 to \$135 for the week-long sessions. For program registration, swim tests, or other information call the W.A.T.E.R. Youth Program at (310) 305-9587 or visit www.labeaches.info.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Recycle your Christmas tree this year after the festivities end. Follow these quick and easy steps to have your Christmas tree recycled into compost, mulch, or ground cover. This will help preserve our natural resources and reduce waste.

1. Remove all items from your tree (e.g., water containers, tree stands, ornaments, tinsel, nails).
2. Place your tree at curbside on your regular collection day from December 26 through January 13.
3. Watch as your tree is collected for recycling by your neighborhood waste hauler.

Visit 888CleanLA.com or call 1(888) CLEAN LA for more information on the Christmas tree recycling guidelines for your area of residence.

Sun Valley Park Dedicates Flood Protection Project, New Amenities

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, center, prepares to cut the ribbon and officially dedicate the new Sun Valley Park Multi-use Project, a water quality demonstration project designed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works for the benefit of this chronically flood-prone community. By capturing and treating rainwater, the system will not only provide flood protection for the park and its surrounding community, it will also recharge the San Fernando Groundwater Basin. Yaroslavsky cited the project as a prototype for a series of local projects identified by the Sun Valley Watershed Stakeholders Group. The projects combine flood protection with



water pollution control, groundwater recharge, recreational enhancements, and community beautification. Joining Yaroslavsky, left to right: Ron Berkowitz, Valley Region Superintendent for the Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles; Cindy Montañez, former State Assemblymember; Andy Lipkis, Executive Director, TreePeople; Tony Cardenas, Councilmember, City of Los Angeles; Supervisor Yaroslavsky; Tom Alexander, Chief Deputy Director, County Department of Public Works; Sedrick Mitchell, Deputy Director, California Department of Parks and Recreation; Cynthia Ruiz, Public Works Commissioner for the City of Los Angeles.

Supervisor Antonovich Helps Dedicate New Loma Alta Gymnasium

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich helped dedicate the new Loma Alta Gymnasium in Altadena, along with representatives from the Chief Administrative Office, Department of Parks and Recreation, and Department of Public Works.

“The Loma Alta Gym is the culmination of many years of planning and hard work by the community and County departments,” said Supervisor Antonovich. The project faced many obstacles during its undertaking, but neither residents nor County officials deterred from reaching their goal – a new gymnasium for the community.

In addition to the 13,500 square foot gymnasium, Supervisor Antonovich allocated \$2.5 million to refurbish and preserve the old 50-year-old community center building. The center now features a kitchen, recreation office, computer room, restrooms, and exercise rooms.

“This gym will serve as a gathering place for the community and will offer much needed recreational opportunities for young people,” said Supervisor Antonovich.



Improved municipal services for unincorporated areas:

- Initiated funding for Unincorporated Area Departmental Liaisons to specifically address needs of the County's unincorporated residents.

Finally able to appoint the most effective Health Department Director since my election to the Board:

- Under Dr. Bruce A. Chernof's leadership, we are transforming King-Drew Medical Center into Harbor-MLK Metro Care Community Hospital.
- Funded expansions at Harbor-UCLA, Rancho Los Amigos and Monrovia Health Clinic.
- Established a public/private partnership with Shriners Hospital to construct a new hospital on the campus of LAC+USC Medical Center to serve children.
- Conducted public education outreach in cities and communities throughout the County on the West Nile Virus and on Hantavirus prevention.
- Authorized construction for a new Multi-Service Health Center for the Antelope Valley and a new emergency room and Tuberculosis Unit for Olive View Hospital.
- Directed County departments to open dedicated public cooling centers to serve the elderly and infirmed during severe heat waves.

Expanded our parks and recreational opportunities:

- We expanded after school programs at County parks and allocated funds for new park programs, open space projects and trail expansion efforts for equestrians and hikers.

Funded expanded hours, upgrades and safety improvements for our County libraries and book mobiles:

- Working to open five new libraries across the County.

The County's code enforcement unit and nuisance abatement teams are improving public safety and the quality of life:

- Continued our Crime and Safety Program activities for Section 8 Housing including criminal background and credit checks for 2,000 applicants and 70 fraud investigations, resulting in approximately \$100,000 in repayment settlement agreements.
- Initiated the Housing Authority toll-free fraud hotline at (877) 881-7233.

Worked to relieve congestion and air pollution:

- Passed County policy to prohibit deliveries during peak traffic hours and encouraged cities to pass similar ordinances.

- Also encouraged our cities to implement strategies to reduce congestion, including synchronizing signals and creating reverse flow lanes.
- Created a Joint Powers Agreement with San Bernardino County to accelerate construction of the High Desert Corridor between Palmdale and Victorville.

Developing a Veterans' Internship Program for recently returning armed forces personnel and hosted the 9th annual "Remembering our Veterans" event at Arcadia County Park.

In the Fifth District:

- We funded the new Palmdale and San Dimas Sheriff Stations for the Antelope and San Gabriel Valleys.
- Acquired Rosemead Boulevard from the State of California and dedicated \$20 million for its aesthetic and public safety improvements.
- Approved plans for an Aquatic Center at Castaic Sports Complex.
- Built a gymnasium for Stephen Sorensen Park in Lake Los Angeles.
- Built a gymnasium and community building at Loma Alta Park.
- Expanded equestrian and hiking trails in the Santa Clarita Valley, the Antelope Valley, the San Gabriel Valley and the San Fernando Valley.
- Expanded library hours to 6 days a week in all 5th district libraries and finalized plans to build new libraries in Acton and La Crescenta.
- Found homes for over 600 animals since 1995 through my Pet Adoption Program.
- To commemorate Patriot's Day, September 11th, we unveiled the George Lane Park Memorial Wall to pay tribute to our armed services, fire fighters and law enforcement officers.
- Provided funding for public/private partnerships, including the Pasadena Union Station, Catholic Charities-Lancaster Shelter, and St. Joseph's Manor to successfully incorporate the community in our \$80 million efforts to reduce homelessness.
- Hosted our Annual Holiday Party at Magic Mountain for foster children and annual fundraiser for foster children, "All for the Love of Kids" and annual Foster Youth Job Fair.

Supervisor Knabe Hosts Asian Pacific Islander Community Roundtable at Steinmetz Park

Over 100 elderly County residents and a number of community service organizations came together at Steinmetz Park in Hacienda Heights recently to discuss issues impacting seniors of Asian or Pacific Islander descent.

“This is the 12th year that we have come together on a biannual basis to discuss issues important to seniors,” said Supervisor Don Knabe. “It’s a great opportunity for me to hear about the problems and challenges that these individuals face as we seek to help them work towards solutions.”

Daniel Huang of the Asian Pacific Islander Legal Center, as well as Carrey Wong from Neighborhood Legal Services, addressed the group and took questions on legal issues, in particular pending federal immigration reform legislation and the impact on Asian-Pacific Islanders.



Cynthia Banks, Director of the Department of Community and Senior Services, discussed the Seniors Count! Survey that the department is conducting across the County. Both she and Supervisor Knabe urged the seniors to complete the survey.

“The Seniors Count! Survey is very significant,” Supervisor Knabe added “It will help us tremendously to develop and advocate policies that respond to the needs of seniors, and allows us to learn more about segments of the aged population who don’t usually speak out and articulate their needs.”

Los Angeles County Assumes Ownership of Rosemead Boulevard/ Improvements Planned

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and representatives from the Department of Public Works announced the acquisition of Rosemead Boulevard from Foothill Boulevard to Callita Street – formerly State Route 19. The County of Los Angeles will assume maintenance and regulatory operation responsibilities of the motorway from the California Department of Transportation.

For local residents and businesses Rosemead Boulevard is an integral part of their community. However, Antonovich acknowledged that for many years Rosemead Boulevard had not been properly maintained and had become an eyesore.



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Special Certificates of Honorable Mention were presented by Dr. Bruce A. Chernof, DHS Director and Chief Medical Officer, to the top three nominated programs:

- H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center: “Cancer Detection Program.” A 2003 Spirit of Diversity awardee, Hudson designed a comprehensive cancer detection program prioritizing African American, Latino, Asian Pacific and American Indian women 40 years and older; utilizing multicultural marketing and outreach to enroll an average of 200 women per month.
- Quality Improvement Program: The “DHS Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Program” is successfully linking culturally responsive care to quality of care and ensuring patient safety - with patient safety brochures in nine languages and a 24/7 patient safety bilingual hotline.
- LAC+USC Healthcare Network: “Linguistic Services Improvement Program.” LAC+USC has launched a network-wide effort to improve linguistic services at all levels ranging from policy to cultural competency and health care interpreter trainings and plans to establish a Cultural and Linguistic Resource Center.



Supervisor Burke with “Prevention Matters! Campaign,” Office of Women’s Staff, Miya Iwataki

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cultural, and general government services. County training participants have personally testified as follows:

“This is an excellent program and more County employees should take advantage of this program. It builds character and skills,” says Antoinette Moore, Probation Department.

“This is such a great program, the only thing I regret, is not having the opportunity of doing it before,” Luz Barajas, Health Services Department.

“I’m happy with the program because it improved my skills at work,” Yanel Buenrostro, Children and Family Services Department.



*Dr. Marissa Pei, Ph.D.,
Motivational Speaker*

To learn more about the program, you may visit the Web site at www.losangelescountyacademy.org or contact your Departmental Training Coordinator.

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“L.A. County Holiday Celebration” at the Music Center is 47th Annual Six-Hour Spectacular on December 24 Is L.A.’s Biggest Holiday Show. And Best of All... It’s FREE!

A free, six-hour holiday spectacle of music, song and dance unfolds on the stage of the beautiful Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center **Sunday, December 24 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.** It’s the **47th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration**, L.A. County’s biggest holiday show featuring more than 45 musical ensembles, choirs, and dance companies, about 1,500 performers in all, expressing the joy of the season.

The Holiday Celebration, which reflects the vibrant spectrum of cultures found in Southern California, is the County of Los Angeles’ yearly gift to Los Angeles. Patrons may come and go throughout the performance, and the entire six hours is simulcast live on KCET. Admission is **FREE**, as is the parking under the Music Center.

The Arts Commission also produces “L.A. Holiday Celebration,” a one-hour television music and dance special highlighting the best performances from the live show. A highlights show drawn from the 2005 live presentation at the Music Center will be carried by PBS stations across the country, including KCET, on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 10 p.m. (check local listings).

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Wiseguys Big Band Machine
Inspirational Voices of Free!
Mariachi Cielo Nuevo
Middleton Street School Folklorico
Golden State Pops
Sheridan Ball Singers
Angahara Dance Ensemble
Los Angeles Master Chorale

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles
Salvation Army Children’s
Tabernacle Chorus
Westside Ballet
Cypress Masterwords Chorale
ARC Handbell Choir
Harmonies Girls Choir
Khmer Arts Academy
Universal Dance Designs Kennedy Tap Company



5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Mariachi Sol de Mexico
New Directions Choir
Nigerian Talking Drum Ensemble
Pasadena Tabernacle Youth Chorus
Clear Cosmos Art Studio
Jazz Antiqua
Vox Femina Los Angeles

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Opera California Youth Choir
Djanbazian Dance Company
Antelope Valley High School Choral Music Travel Ensemble
Jung Im Lee Korean Dance Academy
Beth Shir Sholom
Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble
Jubilant Voices of Holman United Methodist Church

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Little Willy G y Los Tamaleros
Namaste Women’s Choir
Grupo Folklorico Sabor de Mexico
Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus
Chinese Classical Music Ensemble
West Angeles Angelic Choir
Viver Brasil Dance Company
Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Los Pinguos
KITKA Women’s Vocal Ensemble
TRIP Dance and Kitka
Celtic Spring
Gay Men’s Chorus of Los Angeles
Jazz Tap Ensemble
Burbank Chorale
Mariachi Divas

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Patrons may come and go throughout the six-hour performance. Reservations for tickets to the show or parking are not necessary. Those who can’t make it

to the Music Center can watch the live broadcast of Holiday Celebration on KCET.

Share It

DPSS' Restaurant Meals Program



The Restaurant Meals Program reached its first milestone since the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) implemented the program on July 25, 2005, with 156 participating restaurants serving a variety of nutritious meals throughout Los Angeles County.

Our restaurant partners are now accepting EBT cards for meal purchases from eligible Food Stamp households that have at least one aided member who meets one of the following conditions:

- Homeless
- Elderly – The participant household must have at least one aided member who is 60 of age or older.
- Disabled – The participant household must have at least one aided member who is receiving Social Security Disability Benefits, Railroad Retirement Benefit Annuities, or Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI).

DPSS is developing outreach strategies to increase program awareness within the Department and the community to increase utilization among the target population. We continue to mail a listing of participating restaurants to the district offices every other month for staff distribution to eligible participants.

A Restaurant Meals Program Web site has been developed for restaurant owners, eligible participants, as well as the general public, to access and learn about the program.

The Web site provides background information, Frequently Asked Questions, a registration link for restaurant owners, links to resources, a listing of participating restaurants, and other useful information. The Web site can be accessed at http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/restaurant_meals/.

For more information about the Restaurant Meals Program, please call (562) 908-6881 or 6868.

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Supervisor Antonovich directed the County Department of Public Works to develop a major road improvement and beautification plan for Rosemead Boulevard. The project will be completed in three phases. The first phase, expected to be completed in April 2007, will include road clean up, pavement repair work, and graffiti removal. The next two phases will consist of the relocation of underground utility poles, complete rehabilitation of the deteriorated roadway pavement, new streetlights and median landscaping.

While every project is unique, this improvement project is special in that it was a joint effort made by the County and the State to address the community's interest by setting aside jurisdictional issues. State Senator Jack Scott authored Senate Bill 1375, which enabled the California Transportation Commission to relinquish State Route 19 to the County and ends years of frustration for local residents.

The total estimated cost of the improvement project is \$20 million.



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